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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1. AS YOU KNOW, A NEW ACTIVITY OF THE IEA R&D COMMITTEE
IS A SYSTEMS ANALYSIS PROGRAM WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE AN
ANALYTICAL BASIS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES
IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMULATION OF STRATEGIES FOR ENERGY
R&D PROGRAMS. PART OF THE PROJECT WOULD ENTAIL THE
COLLECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT DATA AND THEIR USE
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(ALONG WITH ALL OTHER RELEVANT DATA) IN THE ANALYTICAL AND

ASSESSMENT PHASES. THIS ASPECT OF THE OVERALL PROGRAM PARALLELS CLOSELY THE PROJECT ON RESIDUALS ASSESSMENT WHICH THE US HAS PRESENTED TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, AND TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN ITS PRELIMINARY BLESSING.

2. THE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS STEERING GROUP OF THE IEA R&D COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING FEBRUARY 17-19. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH US AGENCIES DESIRABILITY/FEASIBILITY OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RESIDUALS ASSESSMENT PROJECT BEING INTEGRATED WITH THE IEA SYSTEMS ANALYSIS PROJECT. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THIS WOULD ENTAIL THE COLLECTION OF THE NECESSARY ENVIRONMENTAL RESIDUALS DATA (TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN MEMBER COUNTRIES) UNDER THE

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S MANAGEMENT FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS PROGRAMS. POSSIBLE, MORE SUBSTANTIVE, COOPERATIVE FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF THE TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM COULD BE DEFINED AT A LATER DATE. (THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MIGHT, OF COURSE, ALSO FIND IT DESIRABLE TO USE THE ENVIRONMENTAL DATA COLLECTED FOR THIS EFFORT FOR ONE OR MORE DISCRETE PROJECTS WHICH COULD BE OF INTEREST TO ITS MEMBERS IN 1977 OR LATER.)

3. FROM THIS END, THE OBJECTIVE OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR MAKES SENSE TO ALL CONCERNED. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT, OF COURSE, KNOW REACTION OF OTHER IEA WORKING GROUP MEMBERS, CLEAR INTEREST IN MANY OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES IN RESIDUALS CONCEPT GIVES GROUND FOR OPTIMISM.

4. BASIC ACHILLEADELIS HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN RECENT INTRA-STATE AND INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE AND IS AU COURANT. HE RETURNS TO PARIS FEBRUARY 14. IT HAS BEEN AGREED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF, AS A STARTING POINT, RODERICK AND/OR HE COULD SIT IN AS OBSERVER IN IEA SYSTEMS ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP SESSION IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S THOUGHTS ON THE RESIDUALS PROJECT.

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5. PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION CAN, PRESUMABLY, BE WORKED OUT ONCE THE SYSTEMS ANALYSIS GROUP CONVENES. IN THIS CONNECTION, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO LEND WHATEVER SUPPORT MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN COORDINATING SUCH ATTENDANCE WITH SECRETARIAT. KISSINGER

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